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ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of 18th Meeting

11:00 a.m., 18 October 1956

PRESENT

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[REDACTED] CIA, Acting Chairman
✓ Mr. Col. Richards, OSD
✓ Mr. Hamilton, AFOIN
✓ Mr. Wood, G-2
✓ Mr. McMahon, ONI
✓ Mr. Slight, ICA
✓ Mr. Tucker, ICA
✓ Miss Worthing, State/OIR
✓ Mr. Pomeroy, State/MC
Mr. Nelson, Treasury
Mr. Drennan, ODM
Mr. Sprackelmyer, ODM

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Discussion:

1. The Acting Chairman noted that each subcommittee of the IAC has been instructed (in IAC D-96/2) to prepare a wartime plan of operation or request corroboration of its opinion that it has no wartime function. He suggested that the members of the committee confine their discussion

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to intelligence coordination in support of economic warfare, excluding psychological warfare and covert activities and without reference to non-intelligence organizations and their responsibilities. Attention was called to the allocation of intelligence functions prescribed by DCID 15/1. The Chairman expressed the thought that intelligence collection could be disregarded at this stage, although some special arrangements might be necessary for economic warfare purposes, as in the case of censorship materials.

2. The discussion was informal, and touched on a number of points of which the most salient are summarized below. Some of these points were treated very briefly; others were discussed at some length.

3. In general the members of the committee agreed on the wartime need for coordination of economic warfare intelligence. A number of questions were asked, however, about the progress of economic warfare planning among the policy and action agencies. The Chairman expressed the view that a useful plan of inter-agency intelligence coordination could be formulated in general terms without precise knowledge of the plans of these agencies. However, some members seemed to feel that planning for the coordination of economic warfare intelligence would be premature until more definite information became available on non-intelligence planning for economic warfare. The Chairman pointed out that EDIC may be activated on a simulated wartime basis for purposes of the next "Alert Exercise".

4. Moreover, the State/OIR member said that her Department did not believe EDIC was the proper forum for this type of planning, and suggested that the Economic Intelligence Committee or some committee not now in existence might more appropriately be directed to coordinate economic warfare intelligence.

Action:

The committee agreed:

- a. That there will be a wartime need for intelligence coordination in the field of economic warfare.
- b. That certain aspects of economic warfare intelligence require advance planning and preparation.

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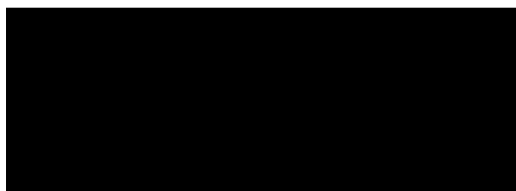
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In view of these conclusions and the lack of precise information on planning for the wartime administration of economic warfare, the Chairman was instructed to forward these minutes to the IAC Working Group on Emergency Plans with the request that, if the Working Group considers such action appropriate, further guidance and assistance be sought from the Office of Defense Mobilization.

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